

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1, 2 and 4-25 are the claims pending in the instant application. Claims 9-25 have been withdrawn from consideration, thus claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are the claims that have been examined in the application. Claims 4 and 5 are objected to due to informalities. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamura (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0029430 A1), and in view of Watanabe et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0128211 A1) and Douulton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,512,667). Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, Applicants are amending claims 1 and 4 and are canceling claims 9-25.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, however, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner hold any rewriting in abeyance until the Examiner has had the opportunity to reconsider and withdraw the prior art rejection of the remaining claims.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to claims 4 and 5 because of informalities. Specifically, claim 4 recites “the portable device of claim 4.”

Applicants hereby amend claim 4 as seen to cure the noted deficiency. Withdrawal of the objection is hereby respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

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Claim 1 recites, in part, “wherein the control unit displays detected direction to which a system is headed on the screen, in response to a user rotating the system.” The Examiner alleges that a proposed combination of Tamura, Watanabe and Doulton discloses all of the elements of claim 1, and that there is a motivation to make the proposed combination. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Specifically, the Examiner alleges that Tamura discloses a control unit corresponding to the control unit recited in claim 1. However, Tamura discloses that the forward moving direction shown on the display is always directed toward the predetermined specific direction. Claim 1, on the other hand, recites that the *detected direction to which a system is headed* is displayed. The direction disclosed by Tamura does not correspond to the recited direction. Further, Watanabe and Doulton fail to cure the deficient disclosure of Tamura. Therefore, the

combination proposed by the Examiner fails to disclose all of the elements of claim 1, and claim 1 is patentable over the applied art.

Claims 2, 4 and 6-8 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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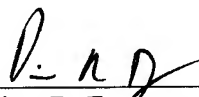
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